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JOINT US-PANAMA COMMISSION

REF: PANAMA 7905

FROM BELL AND DOLVIN FOR THE PRINCIPALS OF THE PANAMA
REVIEW COMMITTEE

1. SUGGESTIONS REFTEL ARE ACCEPTABLE TO DOD AND STATE WITH
THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION. US PARTICIPATION ON THE JOINT
COMMISSION SHOULD CONSIST OF SENIOR WORKING-LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES DESIGNATED BY EACH OF THE THREE PRC PRINCIPALS
AS FOLLOWS: ONE EACH FROM AMEMBASSY, USSOUTHCOM, PANAMA
CANAL COMPANY, AND PANAMA CANAL GOVERNMENT (PARA 3C OF
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2. AMBASSADOR MAY TAKE ACTION TO INFORM PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT, AS APPROPRIATE.

3. WHILE THE UNITED STATES NEGOTIATORS NEED NOT BE INVOLVED IN CONVEYING THE FOREGOING TO PANAMA, THEY WILL NEED TO BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING

DISCUSSED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION WHEN MEETINGS ARE HELD.

4. MORE GENERALLY, THE UNITED STATES MUST CONTINUE TO EXPLOIT ALL SIGNIFICANT UNILATERAL ACTIONS TO MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE IN THE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS. THEREFORE, THE TWO DEPARTMENTS INTEND THAT ALL PROPOSED ACTIONS, INCLUDING THOSE ORIGINATING IN THE JOINT COMMISSION, BE REFERRED THROUGH APPROPRIATE DEFENSE OR STATE DEPARTMENT AUTHORITIES TO THE UNITED STATES NEGOTIATORS. SUCH REFERRAL SHOULD BE MADE IN ADVANCE OF ANY PUBLICITY OR MOVEMENT TO IMPLEMENT PROPOSED ACTIONS SO THAT THE NEGOTIATORS MAY JUDGE WHETHER--AND, IF SO, HOW AND WHEN-- TO ADVISE PANAMA OF THEM.

5. THE PANAMANIAN MUST BE INFORMED AT THE BEGINNING OF COMMISSION DISCUSSIONS THAT PROVISIONS OF THE US FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT WILL BE APPLIED TO ALL COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES OPERATING IN THE CANAL ZONE. KISSINGER

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